

Policy 1.1.6 Operating Standards for Recycling Centers

POLICY PURPOSE:

Recycling Centers are allowed through Use Permit approval with a public hearing in public, office, commercial, industrial and mixed use zones. The purpose of this policy is to provide residents with access to recycling opportunities at facilities that are compatible with adjacent uses and that maintain the high quality of Sunnyvale's development standards. This policy is not intended to apply to a recycling center located at a facility that has been issued a Solid Waste Facility Permit.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Each application for a Use Permit for a Recycling Center must comply with the following operating standards:

1. Centers must be located on sites with permanent, operating businesses that are in compliance with the zoning, building and fire codes of the City of Sunnyvale.
2. Containers must be constructed and maintained with durable, waterproof and painted or rustproof material and must be covered.
3. Containers must be clearly marked to identify the type of recyclable or recyclables that may be deposited.
4. The Center must be clearly marked to identify the name and telephone number of the facility operator.
5. Sites containing recycling centers must be swept and maintained in a dust-free, litter-free condition on a daily basis.
6. The Center and associated customer parking must be placed on a site so as not to obstruct on-site or off-site pedestrian or vehicular circulation.
7. The Center must not reduce the landscaping on the site.
8. The Center must comply with the provisions of Section 19.42.030 of Title 19 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code.
9. The Center must not include power-driven sorting and/or consolidation equipment, such as crushers or balers, except reverse vending machines.
10. The minimum average illumination of the site must be 1/2 foot candle.
11. Use of the Center for collection of solid waste or hazardous waste, as defined in Section 8.16.020 of Title 8 and Section 20.04.040 of Title 20 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code is prohibited.
12. The Center must be removed from site on the day following permit expiration.

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13. Attended Centers may operate only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
14. The Center must conform to all development regulations for the zoning district in which it is located; for an attended Center, a minimum of one (1) parking space per attendant must be provided.
15. Mobile recycling centers must have an area clearly marked to prohibit other vehicular parking.
16. Design and colors of the center must be compatible with other businesses on the site. Improvements may be required to ensure compatibility, including but not limited to, landscaping, screening, trailer skirting and parking lot repairs.
17. There may be no more than one (1) recycling center on a site at one time and four (4) reverse vending machines.

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